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Extravaganza's Big Winner

Frog Lake senior Margaret Gladue came to Elk Point last Thursday to pick up the grand prize in the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce Christmas Extravaganza draw. Chamber treasurer Lesia Porcina presented the wide-screen plasma television and home theatre package.

Local housing market follows upward trend

By VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

The purchase price of homes in Elk Point has seen a significant upswing this year, although the increase is substantially lower than Edmonton's astonishing 53.4 per cent.

Shirley Harms of Lakeland Real Estate Services says home prices "have increased upwards of 50 per cent," but adds that the massive increase has taken much longer.

"Three years ago, we were selling three-bedroom homes with attached garages in the range of \$120,000, where now the prices are in the upper \$180s for the same property. That translates into a 52 per cent increase in the last three years."

In the past year, Harms estimates prices have gone up 18 to 20 per cent, after "years of only slight increases."

Don Conrad of Elk Point Realty feels the increase is "probably more around 30 per cent. Farmland has gone up more than residential property, I'd say at least 35 per cent."

The change, both realtors say, is a reflection of the growing economy and increased oil activity, and both agree that while prices have gone up, Elk Point is still an affordable place to buy a home.

"We're definitely far behind the larger urban centres when it comes to home prices," Conrad says.

Harms adds that, unlike some communities, "we are attracting people that are working in other areas, as well. House prices in Elk Point, although sharply increased, are still extremely affordable when you compare them to the surrounding communities affected by the oil industry. People are willing to drive to work, rather than pay higher prices for homes."

The lack of rental accommodation is another factor in local real estate sales. Harms says people are purchasing rather than renting not only because of the shortage of rental accommodation, but because of increased rent and because, "it only makes sense to invest in yourself, rather than your landlord. And with the double-digit increases, one can be sure to gain some equity."

Conrad said rentals "are our biggest problem. I had two families in today, and there's nothing to rent. It's kind of disheartening that people want to move here and we have no accommodation for them."

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Healthcare centre gets good community support

By VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

Community support for a silent auction to raise funding for needed equipment at Elk Point Healthcare Centre "definitely exceeded all expectations," says facility manager Paulette Levasseur.

"When we initially started, I anticipated we might raise \$1,000. It went very well, and we raised \$5,000. I couldn't believe the response."

Businesses were "very, very generous" with their donations of everything from Christmas ornaments and gift baskets to major items like a freezer full of meat and a

dozen seats in a luxury suite for a Western Hockey League game, Levasseur said.

The auction started off small, with the community invited to visit the healthcare centre's meeting room to place their bids, and later went on the road, setting up at F. G. Miller High School's craft and trade show during the Christmas Extravaganza.

"That gave us very good exposure," says Levasseur. "We got a few bids there."

Many of the bidders were "external, not from our healthcare centre staff. A lot of community people bid, especially on the big ticket items."

Proceeds from the auction are going

toward new equipment, Levasseur says.

"We're trying to replace our hydro tub in acute care, and that's \$20,000. We still have funds to raise, but it is a start." While no additional fundraisers are planned for the immediate future, Levasseur says, "we're definitely open to donations."

Acute care's present hydro tub came from Vilna when their health centre closed, but its condition has deteriorated until it is no longer safe for patient use, Levasseur says. "We have one in long-term care, but not downstairs." The whirlpool-type tub provides therapeutic massaging action, and is "much more enjoyable for the patients,

many of whom are bedridden, than a regular tub or shower."

For a "fair number of our patients," the healthcare centre provides an alternative level of care while they await placement in another facility, such as long-term care either in Elk Point or elsewhere. "A lot of these patients could use the tub."

"Is it an extra? Maybe it is," Levasseur says, noting that Aspen Health Region is "really large and only has a certain amount of money for equipment. Everything is prioritized, and this tub is not a high priority. However, we feel it is needed for the comfort of our patients." (Continued on Page 2)

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The lucky ticket holders for this season's finale were

Vi Wozniak, winning the trip to Disneyworld in Florida, with the two \$100 cash prizes going to Sonya Charchun of Edmonton and Linda Dorey of Elk Point.

Congratulations to all the 2006 winners!



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- \$100 per acre to seed native forage species.

For application forms or for more program information, visit www.agr.gc.ca/greencover-verdir, or call 1 866 844-5620.

Canada

Federal election a possibility in 2007

Storseth has 'exciting' year in Ottawa

By JANICE HUSER
Staff Writer

Although a federal election is a possibility in 2007, local MP Brian Storseth said he is concentrating his efforts on helping his party continue to bring forward good legislation and finish passing legislation that has already been introduced.

"I believe personally that the opposition doesn't want to see us bring forward good legislation," said the Westlock-St. Paul MP in a phone interview with the *St. Paul Journal* from his office in Ottawa when asked about the possibility of a federal election this year.

"All I do know for a fact is that we want to continue to govern," he added. Storseth said his Conservative government wants to be "tougher on criminals and put money into the RCMP."

He said one of the biggest challenges facing the Conservatives this year will be "keeping the Liberals at bay." Storseth said the Liberals have already proven they are "ultra political," adding "the minute that they see

they have an opportunity they will try to take us down."

In 2007, Storseth would like to see his party continue to put forward bills that have already been introduced in the legislature, or have an election and emerge with a majority government.

Federally, Storseth said the 2006 budget, along with reducing the GST and giving \$20 billion in tax relief were among the highlights of his first year as MP. He was also very pleased to see \$1.5 billion given to the agriculture industry.

Overall, Storseth felt his first year as MP "was very exciting." He believes it was a successful year and he has been impressed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

"Any time you go into this kind of job it's always more than you expect."

Storseth felt that his biggest challenge since being elected last January was simply getting used to the new position and learning the system.

"But, it's been good," he said, adding there's nothing

he hasn't been able to overcome.

"All in all, we worked good as a team together," said Storseth of the federal government. "We're going full speed."

As for the next year, Storseth said he will continue to "bring forward the values and concerns" of the Westlock-St. Paul constituents and bring home some positive results.

He explained that for the first time in many years, St. Paul is beginning to see federal dollars coming into the community, such as funding to the Safer Community Task Force and, more recently, funding for the Mannawanis Centre.

Storseth is also going to be concentrating on representing the concerns of local residents with regards to the gun registry and he will also be fighting for more help for the agriculture sector.

"There's a lot of hope out there for our farmers," said Storseth, who is looking at helping his government put forward policies to help producers succeed.

Market follows trend

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Inventory for sales is also low, Conrad says, and "things sell quickly. If we had the volume we had two years ago with the number of people looking for houses today, things would be hopping."

The real estate business is traditionally very quiet over the holiday season, to the point where some offices closed between Christmas and New Year's, but that trend didn't hold true this year. "We had a bit of a lull before Christmas, but lots of calls in between. A lot of people were looking,"

Conrad says, "and we had one sale and one new listing."

Harms, who enhanced her business this year by joining the multiple listing service, says it has brought her "new exposure to the buying public. Now we are part of the global market."

Harms feels the coming year will bring Elk Point "a challenge to keep up with the housing demand, as well as building enough facilities to ensure our residents want to stay in Elk Point. It's a team effort from the whole community"

Good community support

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Elk Point Healthcare Centre may be one of the smaller facilities in the region, but Levasseur says activity has increased by 40 percent and "our occupancy is around 85 percent. We're very active, but we're small, and that's a mark against us."

An electric bed for acute care patients is also on the centre's wish list, with a \$3,000 price tag, and is "our

first priority," Levasseur says. "The hydro tub is second. And we have raised enough to purchase the bed. That will be very nice to have, and that we have raised more than enough for that shows the community cares about us."

Levasseur says another current project at the healthcare centre is also "a community effort."

"We're in the process of developing a helipad. The

excavation has been done, the perimeter fence is up, and trees are being removed from the flight path as we speak. The Town of Elk Point has been very instrumental in the development of the pad, and are assisting with the work."

Levasseur says a procedure manual that is one of the requirements for operation of a helipad is currently "at draft stage. We're moving ahead."

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Danyluk humbled by new ministerial position

By JANICE HUSER
Staff Writer

Local MLA Ray Danyluk, now the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, says he was humbled when Premier Ed Stelmach approached him with the position of minister in mid-December, but he admits he also had some fear.

"I'm very happy, very honoured to be minister," said Danyluk to the Journal last week.

"I guess I could say I was pleasantly surprised," said Danyluk when asked if he was surprised by the appointment. He added that he was somewhat humbled by the call, "but to the point where I have a little bit of fear because it is a very large responsibility."

The new Alberta agenda, set out by the new premier, includes five points. They are to govern with integrity and transparency, to manage growth pressures, to

improve Albertans' quality of life, to build a stronger Alberta, and to provide safe and secure communities.

Many of these points will directly relate to Danyluk's ministry, such as managing the growth pressures of specific municipalities, like Fort McMurray, and improving Albertans' quality of life by developing more affordable housing.

But, even with the added pressure, Danyluk feels his past experiences working

on a number of committees will help him in his new role. In addition, he has past experience as a municipal councillor with the County of St. Paul and as a school board trustee.

As a result of his new posting, Danyluk has withdrawn from many of the committees he was involved with, including stepping down as the chair of the Northern Alberta

Development Council and stepping down as the youth

secretariat.

Constituents have reacted positively to the news of his new position, he said.

"The comments that I've heard are that (constituents) are very happy."

He added that the role of municipal governments are very important in rural Alberta and having a minister who has worked closely with municipalities in the past will be an asset.

As minister, Danyluk is confident that he will be able to spend as much, if not more time with constituents.

"This is a very, very big ministry... But you have to remember that I've served on many committees," said



Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Ray Danyluk

Danyluk. "Now, I have better control of my schedule, of my time."

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Midget Colts off to winning start

Could this be a sign of good things to come in 2007? Are the **Midget Colts** finally turning over a new leaf, or was their New Year's resolution to clean up their act, stay out of the sin bin and play some decent hockey? Whatever it was, the team started the new year off with a 4 to 2 win in Dewberry, then looked great on Friday night at home in Elk Point in a two-all tie. Head coach Brian Poitras and his little assistant Curtis Croteau have done a wonderful job; they have come a long way from their first game in October fine-tuning this team.

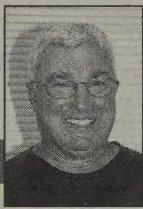
How many midget hockey games have you actually seen tied at zero after forty minutes? Goaltender "Bronko Billy" Hudy was at his best Friday night against the high-flying Marwayne machine. The Colts took a one goal lead six seconds into the third period, when center man "Shifty" Chevy Botting stuck it in four wheel and burned the D men right off the face off. Going wide, he then cut back into the traffic and buried the rubber behind the Marwayne tender. One minute later Ian Jurak found the twine on a nice setup by his rugged cousin Warren Jurak and the speedy Shane Vick. Two-clip at this point for the Colts, they would eventually end the game in a two-all tie. Some aggressive fore-checking by Jacob Jaremco, Colby Cardinal and Taylor Brodbin kept Marwayne on their toes.

Big thanks to the two Marwayne parents for helping out in the penalty boxes, these guys were right at home after all, having helped many times last year when Stetson MacDonald, Tanner Graff and Brett Pickford played here with the Colts on the winning provincial team. This year because of numbers they signed with Marwayne.

On Saturday the boys skated to a six-all tie in Bonnyville, Ryan "Little M" MacDonald with the tying goal, and then on Sunday losing a close one to Mallaig 7 to 6, Shane Vick with a hat trick in this one. Good job boys, keep it up! This Friday night the Colts will be here in Elk Point at 8p.m., come make some noise.

The Pee wee Avalanche

also kick-started the New Year out on the right foot, winning over Cold Lake this past Saturday 3 to 0. Kevin Garrett, Dino Meger and "Dan the man" Garrett scoring for the Avalanche, hard working forward Kelsey Vinge setting up two goals, Louis Dion also with a helper.



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BASSETT
Review Sports

Goalie Wyatt "Mad dog" Dewan shut the door on the Cold Lake Freeze, registering his first shutout of the year. Some solid hits on the blue line by the big D-men Brett "Moose" Ockerman and Jared Vallee.

Up early Sunday morning, the Avalanche were on the road traveling to Saddle Lake and played another great game, this one ending in a four-all tie, "Dan the man" Garrett, Louis Dion and the "Bruise Brothers" Matthew and Andrew Jenner all scoring for the Avalanche.

The "magnificent seven" **Micro Novice Tornados**, are also off to a great start this year, winning the tournament in Dewberry this past weekend, 7 to 6 over Kitscoty in their first game, Ross Hawryluk and Hayden Gunderson with hat tricks, Nolan Lowry with a single, Chad Poitras assisting. In their second game against Dewberry they won by a "big 10-4, good buddy," Hayden Gunderson, Ross Hawryluk and Dustyn Pankiw all with hat tricks, Chase Dorey getting a single along with some super goaltending.

Seeing lots of rubber

lately would be an understatement for the **Midget Girls Storm** goalie, "Awesome Amber" Axley. Sixty-two shots to be exact in a game Saturday afternoon against Hardisty and another 63 shots on Sunday against Macklin, her save percentage must be in the high nineties because she stops a lot of them.

Defense women Justyne Wozniak and Kelsey Slywka were doing their best to help out the veteran goaltender.

"Wasn't that a party?" Celebrating her 18th birthday on Saturday night, Catherine "the Great" Campbell still played really well on Sunday with a number of breakaways, she came mighty close to finding the mesh.

In net for the first time on Saturday morning in the **Novice Hurricanes** game, Dylan Odgaard was tested to the max against a strong Vermilion team seeing his share of the round rubber too. Jewel Poitras scoring for the Hurricanes.

The **Pee wee Colts** on the losing end of a really rough game in St. Paul on Saturday, coming off a strong game in Dewberry on Thursday against Mallaig. Jamie" Fuzzy Wozniak, Skyler Ewasiuk and Bryce Stepanick all scoring in Thursday's game, Trevor "the Kid" Ballas with two assists, Drayton Isert also assisting.

The **Atom Avalanche** won on the road on Saturday in Mallaig 5 to 2. Look out: the green light is on and here he comes, Logan "Back Checker" Becker with a hat trick, Brighton Youngchief and Riel Lowry adding singles.

The Avalanche have been flying high all year.

Coming into Sunday with 12 straight wins, they played a tier one team from Vermilion in an exhibition tilt and finally lost one, the score in this one 4 to 1. Down by four goals after the first period, the Avalanche settled in after that and skated right with the Tigers shift for shift, Logan Becker the lone goal scorer. This coming weekend the Avalanche are hosting their home tournament, come out and support the team.

Out of town scores: the St. Paul Bantams defeating Bonnyville on Friday night 4 to 1 and Vermilion on Sunday 5 to 4, Dylan "in your face" Loughran and Quillan "Cowboy" Lowry both scoring. Goalie Brenden "the puck stops here" Bishop with the wins.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Re: Proposed Changes to County of St. Paul Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan

Monday, January 15, 2007

7:00 p.m.

County Office, Lower Level

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EDITORIAL

Here we go again!

The lack of a quorum at the last two chamber of commerce meetings has led to discussion, once again, about the validity of having a chamber of commerce, what the group's purpose really is, and what its potential for survival in the future might be.

This is not the first time for poor attendance, and it is far from the first time that the executive and/or membership of that time questioned the group's purpose and even its existence. An even 20 years ago this month, those very questions were explored, and that after a period of months when the chamber was in virtual hibernation, with only a skeleton executive of the treasurer and secretary carrying out the day-to-day functions of the chamber, such as collecting the mail and even running the Christmas lighting contest.

At that time, the chamber surveyed the community and determined that yes, Elk Point did need a chamber, and yes, there was potential. A new executive was found and the organization got back on track.

The lack of attendance can be blamed on the season. The lack of momentum can be blamed on some of last year's most promising projects coming to a screeching halt. This doesn't mean that the potential for survival isn't there, only that it's time to reassess priorities and start planning a new and improved chamber.

Or, we could look at it this way: the chamber didn't take a summer recess this year. Therefore, we deserve a break from the regular found of meetings, and what better time to do that than over the holidays, when we're all booked up with other events. Let's keep that in mind next winter.

Way Back When...

First Nights, first baby, fresh starts

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE ELK POINT REVIEW AND LAKELAND REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9 IN...

1987

Christine Megan, daughter of Doris and Ralph Benson, arrived at 5:34 a.m. January 1 to become Elk Point's New Year's baby. While municipal and political leaders were not looking for further decline in the area's economy, they weren't looking for much new growth, either, and predicted it could be a year of holding on to what we already had.

1992

Pioneer Circle seniors spent New Year's Eve packing and loading their equipment and furniture for the move to the new seniors' recreation centre, with no interruption to the regular round of bingos. Elk Point Minor Hockey was proud to provide \$15,000 to the Elk Point Agricultural Society for the dressing room expansion project, with the funds raised through minor hockey bingos.

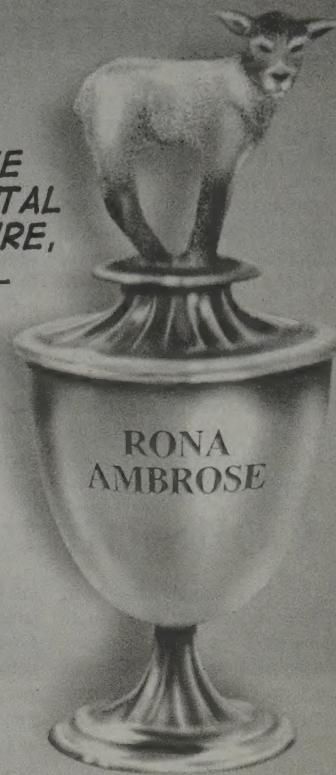
1997

Activities at five separate venues were capped off with an excellent fireworks display at the third annual First Night Festival. Elk Point United Church congregation was in shock following the sudden passing of Rev. Norman Hartley on January 2.

2002

Elk Point Chamber's first meeting of the new year focused on tourism promotion, with a visit from Kevin Kisilevich of Kalyna Country. Elk Point and District Ambulance proudly unveiled their brand new, fully equipped unit which owner Fred Lambright said he felt would help the company to provide improved care throughout the area.

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OUR VIEWS

One of our own

How many times have you heard the expression, "One of our own"? In our community of Elk Point, you could have heard it several times as we have many great people in our community. But now we can apply this statement to a person involved in provincial politics. Our very own Ray Danyluk is now the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Alberta. Of course, his riding is Lac La Biche - St. Paul, but of course we know he lives close to Elk Point. His wife for several years was a 4-H leader, his children went to school in Elk Point and he is a rancher/farmer. We cannot forget that Ray used to coach the girls' basketball team at F. G. Miller as well as playing basketball himself. His sons played hockey in Elk Point and Ray was a very supportive parent/fan. In fact, it is from Ray's sports involvement that anyone around Ray soon learned how deeply involved his competitive nature became very much alive. Oh yes, we can't forget his involvement in the arena when it came to selling 50/50s or other fundraising items like the number of loonies on a hockey stick. Ray was deeply committed and focused and you really couldn't leave his presence without supporting those fundraising activities.

Ray believed in supporting. He seemed to have a magnetism with his presence. Ray learned how to focus on people and community and he was always working on raising them to greater heights.

There is a story that reminds me of Ray. It is the story of the little engine trying to climb the hill alongside all the bigger trains. Guess what the little engine kept saying? The little engine said, "I think I can, I think I can" until he was able to say, "I know I can, I know I can." That's our Ray!



deanna
EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

He has gone from an "agriculture country boy" to a "big Provincial boy." We are all so proud of you, Ray. Congratulations on becoming part of the Ed Stelmach team.

Speaking of Ray starting a new job, he will probably receive a new office to work out of. So here is a joke about moving into a new office.

Cameron had just moved into his shiny new office and was awaiting his first client. Suddenly, he heard footsteps coming down the hall toward his office. He couldn't resist showing off a little, he picked up the phone and began talking to nobody.

"I'm quite busy right now," he said. "What's that? Next Thursday, then? Two o'clock? All right, I'll see you then."

Cameron hung up the phone and looked up at the man waiting to see him. "Hello. And how may I help you?"

"I don't really need any help, sir," the man answered. "I just came to connect your telephone."

Here is another story. This story is about speaking. Politicians do a lot of that. Anyway, in 1922, Rodger Clawson was quoted as saying, "There is a large clock in the other end of this building that is greatly illuminated. It is placed there for the benefit and help of the speakers. When I am sitting on my seat I can see the time clearly, but when I arise to speak in this great building, in the midst of this great congregation, I regret to say I go blind and cannot see the time."

Here is another story. US President Woodrow Wilson was once asked how long he took to prepare a two-minute speech.

"Two weeks."

"How much for an hour speech?"

"One week"

"How long for a two-hour speech?"

"I am ready now."

A politician is a politician and sometimes they do a lot of talking. However, when all is said and done, Ray, since you are one of our own, along with the talking, we know you will do a lot of listening as well. So there you go. We are very proud of you. You are one of our own. Best wishes, Ray!

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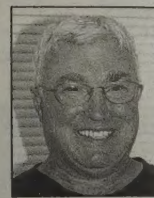
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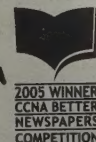
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Canada

Chamber sets 2007 annual meeting date

By VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

With the Christmas rush and round of festive activities behind them, Elk Point Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for the new year, and has set Wednesday, February 21 for their 2007 annual meeting. Watch for further details as they become available.

The chamber's last two meetings took the format of informal discussions due to

the lack of a quorum. President Sandy Smith is confident that the poor attendance was due to the proximity of these meetings to Christmas and New Years, and that the turnout will be back to normal by the next meeting on Wednesday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m.

"Next year, we'll have to consider how close those meetings are to the holidays, and maybe cancel them," she noted.

New courses in old crafts on Further Ed calendar

By VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

Elk Point Further Education is bringing back the past with some of the courses listed on their new program guide, which came out last week.

Two heritage needlework crafts are in the lineup. Ellen Seward will instruct her students in the fine art of Hardanger, a cutwork embroidery technique brought to Canada by Norwegian settlers. Ruth Juravinski will instruct her class in needle tatting, an old-fashioned art with new techniques.

Another interesting craft is crocheting, which will also be instructed by Ruth Juravinski.

Knitting basics, with Carol Hellquist, Ragtime

Quilting, with Verona Lea Flanders and of course the usual Wednesday quilting days and the ever-popular twice-monthly Quilt Till You Wilt, days are once again on the agenda.

In years gone by, soap making was a necessity for most households. Now it is a heritage craft, which will be instructed by Leslie Keith in a single session course.

Fine art courses for the coming season include oil painting with Ralph Kryvenchuk and Raku Pottery with Cecilia DeSilva.

Scrapbooking, stamping and cardmaking remain popular, with Judy Clerk instructing Bleached Cards and Stamping for Spring, Daleen Pinder a pair of Stamp-a-Stack cardmaking

workshops, and everyone welcome to the once-monthly Paper Play Days.

Tai Chi Chih, with Leslie Kieth, and Yoga, with Irene Zarowny, are also coming up soon, and yes, the Garden Club is ready to get up and growing.

Check out your course list and call Verona Lea at 724-4101 for information..

January seniors tea postponed

INFORMATION SUBMITTED

The January Seniors Tea at Elk Point Public Library, which had been planned for Tuesday, January 9, has been postponed, due to

other commitments on the part of the library volunteers.

The Seniors Tea schedule will resume in February, with the next tea slated for Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 2:00 p.m., with a Valentine's Day

theme and goodies to match.

The Friends of Elk Point Library had a very busy Saturday evening, as they rallied to work a very large bingo in St. Paul, with a great group of dedicated volunteers on the job.

OBITUARY

BELLAND, Viola Madelaine

On January 2, 2007, Viola Madelaine Belland of Elk Point, formerly of St. Paul, passed away at the age of 73 years.

She is survived by 4 brothers & 2 sisters, Norman (Evelyn) Belland of Sangudo, Henry (Maryjane) Belland of Kelowna, B.C., Bernard (Butch) Belland of Prince George, B.C., Albert (Faye) Belland of Spruce Grove, Lorette (Dennis) Charron & Alice Yake all of Edmonton; also numerous nieces & nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Oneisime & Alvina Belland.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, January 6 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Paul. Reverend Father Martin Jubinville was the celebrant with interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery, St. Paul. In lieu of florals, donations may be made to the Alberta Cancer Foundation c/o Box 425, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0.

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190. Announcements

\$10,000. REWARD for information leading to the recovery of a safe and its contents stolen from St. Michael, Alberta in November 2006. This was a large safe and would be hard to hide or open without special tools. Phone Jason at 780-398-3549.

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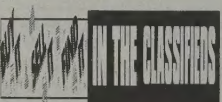
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'Tremendous amount of work' done in 2006: Reeve

By JANICE HUSER
Staff Writer

Last year proved to be a productive year for the County of St. Paul with work being done on over 140 miles of road throughout the County and taxes staying close to previous levels.

"We had a good summer," said Reeve Robert Bouchard. "We did a tremendous amount of work."

According to Public Works Superintendent Léo DeMoissac, about 14 miles of road was re-done, along with approximately 30 miles of road being oiled that previously hadn't been oiled. In addition, about 100 miles of road was refurbished and 100,000 yards of gravel was used to re-gravel roads.

The majority of money was spent on transportation, explained Bouchard, which primarily includes roads.

"It remains that way every year," he added.

"I think 2006 actually was a very good year," said Bouchard. He added that local farmers were able to "catch up a little bit" thanks to the price of grain increasing and good yields.

"Municipally, we can forecast and predict quite a bit," said Bouchard when asked about his predictions for 2007. But, he

added that how successful the municipality is heavily depends on how successful producers are.

A successful agriculture industry and a steady increase in the oil industry will help the local economy remain "buoyant," which in turn will help the municipality be successful, said Bouchard.

There has been an increase in housing, explained Bouchard. And, subdivisions that have been in the planning stages should be under development this year.

In 2006, the County of St. Paul issued 127 building permits, 12 more than in 2005. The County also issued more development permits in 2006 than it did the previous year.

As for highlights from 2006, the Reeve believes "seeing our neighbour and friend be elected as Premier" was the high point for the year.

"Our County very much supported Ed," said Bouchard.

The County is now hoping that the new government will address discrepancies between municipalities, possibly in the form of an equalization grant, said the Reeve.

"It would be wonderful to get an equalization grant of some

kind," said Bouchard. The grant would help the municipality lower the mill rate and become more competitive, he explained.

But, even without an equalization grant, the County is in a good place financially.

"The financial position of the County remains to be very strong," said Bouchard. "There should be no need for any tax increase in 2007." However, the County does anticipate an increase in assessment numbers.

Currently, the County has only one outstanding loan, which should be paid off within the next four years. The loan was used to purchase equipment.

2007 is also an election year, which may or may not mean changes will be made to council.

"Changes, that's up to the ratepayers," said Bouchard. The election process will begin in September with nominations and finish in October with the election or re-election of councillors.

As for effects the election process might have on plans within the County, Bouchard explained that the election would not play a big part because the County will follow its already-established three-year plan.

Danyluk humbled by new position

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Danyluk is committed to spending a certain amount of time in the constituency. He added that the premier has been very clear with MLAs that more time needs to be spent "with the people."

Overall, Danyluk feels the reshuffling of ministries is "very positive," and was a "common sense" move by the premier that will increase efficiency of government.

"The continuity is there."

He added that it makes sense to put housing with municipal affairs since housing is one of the major issues faced by municipalities. As minister, Danyluk has a number of priorities and goals to meet. The number one issue, he says, is to

establish a housing task force.

"We need to focus on that task force," said Danyluk. "We are absolutely so fortunate that we have so many volunteers and so many people dedicated and devoted to housing."

The process of finding individuals to sit on the task force is currently underway, says the minister.

After being appointed, each minister received a personal letter from the new premier outlining specific priorities Stelmach wants met.

Along with the housing task force, other priorities outlined in Danyluk's letter include responding to recommendations from the Ministerial Council on Sustainability, responding to the Oils

Sands Ministerial Strategy Committee, consulting with municipal governments and accelerating the Emergency Preparedness initiative.

"There is a lot on the plate," said Danyluk.

In closing, Danyluk enforced the idea that to be successful, municipalities will have to work together, share responsibilities, but still hold on to their individual identities.

"I think it's very important that we remain autonomous as individual municipalities and at the same time have representation of our communities in government," said Danyluk. But, "we need to do a much better job of sharing."

Jan. 13 is CBC Hockey Day in Canada

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And, if you're in Canada, there's always a good old hockey game being played—whether it is in a local arena, a backyard rink, on a local pond or on the neighbourhood street. These are the places where the heart and soul of Canada's great frozen game can be found. But if you search a bit further at these very same places, you will also find the backbone of Canada's sport—the tireless hockey volunteer.

"Wanna see tough?" asks CBC's Don Cherry. "Go to your local rink on any night of the week or during any weekend, and check out those volunteers who are freezing their rear ends off inside the arena for hours on end—all in the name of hockey. Now that's what I call tough!"

Ron MacLean, host of CBC's Hockey Day in Canada, for once agrees with Grapes. "It is easy to recognize players for their efforts because we see the fruits of their labour on the ice," says MacLean. "With volunteers, however, all of their work happens behind-the-scenes where no one really notices. From selling 50/50 tickets, to flooding the pond, to coaching nine months out of the year—without volunteers the game of hockey simply would not be played in this country."

CBC's Hockey Day in Canada, Canada's unofficial hockey holiday, will be honouring hockey volunteers as part of its seventh annual broadcast celebration on Jan. 13, 2007. The 13.5 hour-long broadcast on CBC will feature individuals and communities sharing their hockey stories on a national stage, along with coverage of Canadian NHL and amateur hockey games.

There are also special community events and an online auction, which can be found at cbc.ca/hockeyday.

This year, Don Cherry and Ron MacLean are asking all Canadians to participate and to salute hockey volunteers in every community. "If there's one day that we should be honouring our volunteers, it's on Hockey Day," states Cherry. "On Jan. 13, get out to your local rink, support minor hockey and thank your volunteers. Then get home to watch Hockey Day on CBC, and whatever you do—don't miss Coach's Corner!"

So, what are you doing for Hockey Day? Cherry and MacLean have provided the following 10 ways you can celebrate on Jan. 13, 2007:

1. Volunteer at your local rink—and give a full-time volunteer the day off!
2. Organize a game of shinny at your backyard rink, neighbourhood street or community arena
3. Tell the story about your top hockey volunteer at cbc.ca/hockeyday
4. Work on your shot with your mother, father, son, daughter, sister or brother
5. Watch a minor hockey league game at your local arena
6. Make a donation to your local minor hockey association or buy 50/50 tickets at a minor hockey game
7. Teach a friend how to skate
8. Organize a community Hockey Day in Canada party
9. Participate in an online chat with Kelly Hrudey and Drew Remenda or share your plans for Hockey Day with everyone across the country at cbc.ca/hockeyday
10. Gather your friends and family together to watch CBC's Hockey Day in Canada. Check your television guide for time.

Hockey highlights

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And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week: "Right away I came in and called my parents and apologized."

Last week's answer to: " (Getting hit in the collarbone) feels like someone takes a baseball bat and

swings it right at you as hard as they can. The pain can stay with you for weeks." -Goaltender Robert Luongo.

Do you have any scoops? Now you can email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com

Pewee Avalanche goalie Wyatt Dewan keeps his eyes on the action during a scrimmage in the Avs' end at A. G. Ross Arena on Saturday as the Avs took on Cold Lake in an exhibition game.

Vicki Brooker photos



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Cut off at the pass?

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